

OPPOSE H.B. 5653, AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

Members of the Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING,

I OPPOSE H.B. 5653.

Consumers of firearm ammunition presently pay 17% taxes on ammunition. High inflation and a possible looming recession with layoffs toward the latter part of 2023 would be an added burden on families who enjoy the shooting sports or train at a range to hone their skills for protection. If families or individuals have to cut back on training because of the high ammunition cost, this will also have a detrimental effect on safety that comes with the lack of training.

Every year this ammunition tax bill is proposed as a solution to prevent “gun” violence. The reality is, this will not prevent the violence perpetrated by violent people who have no respect for any laws.

There are issues within society that will not be solved by infringing on law-abiding citizen’s second amendment rights. All the taxes and firearm restrictions will not solve these issues, and until our legislators at the state and federal level address these problems with an unbiased view, society will continue to decline into chaos and violence, furthering the need for law-abiding citizens to having access to affordable ammunition for their protection.

Sincerely,

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